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 CONFERS TOLERANCE TO STRESSES
 AND A METHOD THEREOF**
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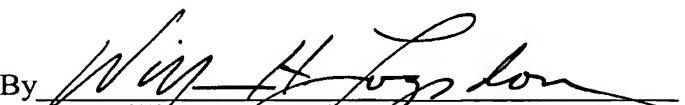
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Please accept the application for purposes of granting a filing date and recognize William H. Logsdon, Richard L. Byrne and Russell D. Orkin, Registration Nos. 22,132, 28,498 and 25,363, respectively, as attorneys in this application, pending the filing of a formal Declaration and Power of Attorney.

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(Invention Title)

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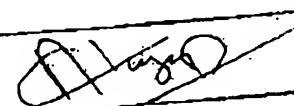
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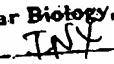
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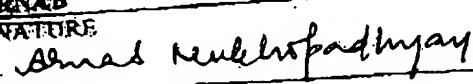
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